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## Maritime Meet Votes Program Of Solidarity

### Federation To Back Gulf Strikers To Limit

### Bans War Shipments And Supports Seamen

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—Nearing adjournment, the emergency convention of the Maritime Federation last night had adopted definite policies regarding at least three major issues facing the unions at this time. These were:

1. Hot cargo from the Gulf where longshoremen are on strike.
2. Waterfront ban on shipment of certain listed materials to Mussolini for use in his attack on the Ethiopians.
3. Organized program involving the entire Federation in the seamen's struggle to win amendments to the present award.

Regarding Gulf cargo the Convention endorsed the international I.L.A. referendum requested by the S. F. longshoremen and voted full support to any affiliated organization which might become locked out by shipowners because of support of the Gulf strike. Should a lockout occur the Federation has authorized an immediate strike vote of all affiliated unions.

#### War Ban.

Early Wednesday a telegram was received from I.L.A. President Ryan in which he announced, for about the third time, that a strike against all Gulf ships had been called. He also asked William J. Lewis, District I.L.A. president to notify President Roosevelt asking him to "intervene."

The ban on war shipments was incorporated into a resolution passed Thursday. The resolution states maritime workers will refuse to handle any cargo named by the National Administration in its recent boycott list. Should any union become involved with shipowners, the Secretary of State will be requested to clarify the issue and the ship will be held up.

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## L.A. Red Baiter Loses in Ouster Fight in Pedro

### MOORE WINS IN APPEAL TO UNION FOR UNITY

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Nov. 19.—Red-baiting J. W. Buzzell, secretary of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council and stooge for national A. F. of L. President William Green, lost a round to the militant working class here last night.

By an overwhelming vote, the Fish Cannery Workers' Union revoked a previous vote which had expelled Jack Moore, manager, and his secretary, Sarah Gould, who had been labeled "radicals" by reactionary A. F. of L. leaders.

On threat of revoking the union's charter if the workers remained in the union, the 700 workers assembled in the Wilmington Bowl at first paid heed to Buzzell's threat and expelled Moore and Miss Gould.

However, Moore was given the floor and made an appeal for unity among the workers, asking that the Union demand retention of its A. F. of L. charter. Another vote was immediately taken, and the workers re-instated.

Routed in his union-smashing attempt, Buzzell announced that a full report and request for a new and "non-radical" union would be sent to Pres. Green.

The union recently conducted an exceptionally successful strike in the local canneries, and immediately took steps to help the cannery workers in Wilmington and Long Beach organize.

### \*Whitney Frame-up Trial Begins\*

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—The trial of Anita Whitney, veteran Communist, opened at 10 a.m. this morning before Superior Judge Robinson in the Hall of Justice on the 3rd floor.

She is charged with perjury, on the basis of an alleged technical violation of the election laws during last year's campaign. Louise Todd recently entered Tehachapi Women's prison under a 1 to 14 year sentence after conviction on similar charges.

Workers are urged to pack the court room, to protest this frame-up in letters and telegrams to Judge Robinson, to prevent a similar railroad of Comrade Whitney.

## SEAMEN FIRM IN WAR CARGO BAN

### Two Ships Halted at Pedro As Workers Hit at Il Duce

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Nov. 19.—Uniting with maritime workers all over the world in solidarity action against war, members of the International Seamen's Union had the American tramp freighter Oregon tied up here today because packed in its hold are 36,000 drums of aviation gasoline for the Italian army air corps in Ethiopia.

Also tied up because its cargo of aviation gasoline was destined for use in the Fascist aggression against Ethiopia, is the Norwegian tramp freighter Rignor. Longshoremen stopped loading the Rignor on Sunday, shortly before it was due to sail, when they learned of the ultimate destination and use of its cargo.

Militant action by the longshoremen in sympathy with their striking brothers of the Gulf ports, now has four "hot cargo" ships tied up here—the Matthew Luckenbach, Katrine Luckenbach, Point Palmas and Point Montara.

Shippers Hunt Scabs.  
Faced with these solidarity actions of the maritime workers, the shipowners are making desperate attempts to recruit scabs in Los Angeles, it was learned today.

Two "fink halls" have been opened in Los Angeles, one on the third floor at 134 West Sixth street, under Capt. Coven Williams, and the other in the Negro district at Jefferson street and Central ave.

Capt. Williams has bragged to workers, "When I send a man out, he has a job."

The Young Communist League and militant trade unionists among the Negro people are organizing a campaign to abolish the "fink hall" (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

## Fillmore Sub-Section Takes Lead in Preparing for Annual Press Bazaar

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—Fillmore sub-section, due to the activity of at least two units, to date has achieved the best results in preparation for the Fifth Annual Workers' Press Bazaar.

Unit 11, Fillmore, profited \$15 worth from a dinner given last Sunday. Unit 10, Fillmore, reports \$20 in greetings for the program already collected. Another unit has issued an open challenge to a Waterfront unit for socialist competition in preparing the bazaar.

But thus far not even all the units have been represented at the regular Friday night conferences held at 121 Haight street. Last time but three of the Waterfront units showed up, five units

## MISERY MOUNTS WITH SWEEPING CUTS IN RELIEF

CLOSE OF FEDERAL AID  
THREATENS MILLIONS  
WITH HUNGER

### Arizona Off Rolls

CITY AND STATES NOT  
ABLE TO CARRY LOAD  
WARN U.S. MAYORS

(Bulletin)

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21.—The Public Works and Unemployed Union is mobilizing the jobless of this city for a demonstration in the Plaza on Saturday, Nov. 30. They will demand that SFRA relief be continued by the Federal government, until jobs are found for all.

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Many of America's unemployed are falling between three stools. The federal government is discontinuing direct relief, and its works program is expected to end next July. The states are declaring their inability or unwillingness to furnish the support thus withdrawn from the jobless. And now the heads of city governments, meeting in Washington, Nov. 18 for the United States Conference of Mayors, have declared that it is impossible for the cities to take over the burden of direct relief.

Daniel W. Hoan, Socialist Party mayor of Milwaukee and president of the conference, declared that at some time in the future (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## New Orleans I.L.A. Faces Threat of New Injunction

### GOVERNMENT SENDS TEN DEPUTIES AGAINST DOCK STRIKERS

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21.—Federal Judge Wayne G. Borah on Tuesday ordered officers of the International Longshoremen's Association and other New Orleans labor leaders to show cause Wednesday why a new injunction should not be issued restraining them from interference with operations of independent longshoremen's unions (company unions).

Petition for the writ was filed by two so-called independent longshore unions. It asks the federal court to restrain the I.L.A. from preventing discharge of two unions' contracts with steamship companies.

It further charged that riots have been "deliberately planned and executed." The injunction now being used in New Orleans was granted in 1931 and is illegal under the Norris Act.

Meanwhile the federal government stepped into the Lake Charles, La., waterfront situation this week by sending ten deputy marshals from the western district of the state to enforce a temporary restraining order against the I.L.A. there.

## Framed—The I. L. D. Will Help Them



The Modesto Defense Committee, on motion of the Sailors' Union delegate, has voted to request the International Labor Defense to assist in the appeal for these seven maritime workers who were framed by the Standard Oil as an outgrowth of the Tanker Strike, and who are serving time in San Quentin and Folsom prisons. Hearing on the appeal will be held next February in superior court at Modesto.

## ATTACK ON WESTERN WORKER PLAYS INTO HANDS OF SHIPPERS

The shipowners and all anti-labor forces must be laughing at their sleeves at the attempt to create division in the ranks of the maritime workers by the attack on the WESTERN WORKER which appeared in the last issue of the "Voice of the Federation" over the signature of Brother Harry Lundberg. It is a pretty dangerous game, which plays right into the hands of our common enemy, the labor-hating employers, to divert the attention of the maritime workers from the task of creating unity of the rank and file, and instead to center the main attack on the WESTERN WORKER, which is recognized by the workers on the West Coast as the paper which has consistently fought for a militant rank and file program in the maritime unions, and which has played an important role in the past two years in helping the membership to take the unions into their own hands and win improvements in their conditions. Even if it is not done intentionally, such attacks help the red-baiters and the reactionaries who are looking for every opportunity to attack the Communists and all militant workers in order to weaken the unions and split the Maritime Federation.

The Emergency Convention of the Maritime Federation has adopted a fighting program which, if carried out, will strengthen working class unity in support of the seamen's demands, in support of our brothers striking on the Gulf, and on all issues facing the maritime workers. Every one of the progressive measures adopted by the Convention was consistently advocated and supported by the Communist Party and its organ, the WESTERN WORKER. In fact, the proposal to call an Emergency Convention in order to back up the seamen's demands and to support the Gulf strike was endorsed by the Western Worker for many weeks when some people in the Federation were opposed to the Convention and worked against it openly and secretly.

Does any honest person think, therefore, that anybody else but the shipowners will gain from attacking the Western Worker, and that they would not like to see this division in our ranks continue? Won't the shipowners rub their hands in glee when they hear that Communists or other militants who are sympathetic to the program of the Communist Party are accused, without foundation, of being "disrupters" and "phony"?

The rank and file members of the Sailors' Union who are accused of being "disrupters" are those who oppose individual action which creates friction among (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

## Oakland Disaster Ordinance Hit in Labor Resolution

### MACHINE FOR SUPPRESSION THINLY DISGUISED

The so-called Disaster Preparedness Committee (Bill No. 801, Ordinance No. 11, 1911) sponsored by the reactionary leadership of the American Legion and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which big business interests are trying to force through the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, is a direct attack on organized labor and threatens every democratic right enjoyed by the people of San Francisco.

To prove this, let us examine a few of the sections of this ordinance: The committee is to be composed of 21 members, and is to have the mayor as chairman with the power and proposal that he invite the following to participate with the activities: The commander of the County Council of the American Legion, President of the San Francisco Labor Council, President of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, Civic Clubs, Commander General of the Ninth Corps Area, U. S. Army, Commanding General of the U. S. Marines, Dept. of the Pacific, the Commandant of the 12th Naval District, Senior Officer of Na-

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## EGYPT REVOLT FLARES WAR SHIPMENT HALTED

### Revolts in Colonies Stimulated By War Moves

### Suppression of Mass Is Japan Aim in North China

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—Latest developments of the worldwide war situation as summarized from all news sources are as follows:

Economic sanctions imposed by the League of Nations against Italy went into effect at midnight last Monday. Serious food shortages, mass hunger and food riots were reported in Italy even before sanctions were declared.

The Italian invading army in Ethiopia is now far into the country. Although to date no major resistance has been met, the invaders are reported suffering severe losses both from disease and the intense sniping and raiding by Ethiopian forces. Askari regiments recruited from Italy's African colonies have so far been bearing the brunt of all skirmishes. Ethiopian strategy has been to draw the invaders far into the most difficult regions in order to isolate them from supply bases.

Ethiopian Generals are basing their hopes of victory on the outcome of a few decisive battles. Imminence of these major conflicts are reported daily. Detailed plans of Ethiopian forces, however, are veiled in complete secrecy.

The food crisis in Germany grows more acute daily, attributable mainly to all economic resources being devoted to war preparations, and also to the fact (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

## 7 East Bay Unions Strike Hagstrom's 40 Grocery Stores

### MACMARR CHAIN MAY BE HIT IN SIMILAR WALKOUT

(Alameda County Central Labor Council.)

OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 19.—The strike in Hagstrom's chain grocery stores, throughout the E. Bay, was discussed and reported at last night's session of the Labor Council. And possibilities of a similar strike of the huge MacMarr chain in this county was also considered.

Eleven of Hagstrom's 40 stores are completely closed and the rest are badly crippled in a walkout of Milk Wagon Drivers, Bakers, Bakery Wagon Drivers, Engineers, Butchers, Grocery Clerks and Auto Mechanics. In addition, the Teamsters refuse to go through the picket lines.

Mr. Hagstrom refused to permit his grocery clerks to join the union. Two weeks ago the con-

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## Fourth Annual Press Bazaar Set For December 13-14-15, Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20.—The necessity of building the Western Worker to lead the workers in defense against capitalist oppression, was stressed here Monday night in the weekly Press Conference in the Cultural Center.

Workers, friends, and sympathizers of the workers' press are urged to support the Fourth Annual Bazaar on December 13-14-15 at the Cultural Center, as the first event in the campaign to raise funds for the Western Worker and the Voice of Youth.

Articles of clothing, food, furniture, knick-knacks, and what-nots are needed for the bazaar, and should be sent as soon as possible to the Bazaar office, Room 402, 224 So. Spring street. Greetings from individuals and ad-

### \*Anti-War Meet Slated in L. A. On Nov. 24th\*

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 18.—All organizations opposed to war and the current Italian Fascist invasion of Ethiopia, are urged to send representatives to a Peace Conference being held Sunday, Nov. 24th, at the Unitarian Church on West Eighth Street near Vermont Avenue, at 8 p.m.

The call for the conference was issued by the American League Against War and Fascism following the successful peace mass meeting at the Unitarian Church on Armistice Day.

Sunday's conference is preparatory to calling a Southern California Peace Congress in December, building to the National Peace Congress to be held in January by the American League Against War and Fascism.

## LABOR PAPER TO CHANGE POLICY

### Trades Council Will "Move In" On San Diego Sheet

(San Diego Federated Trades and Labor Council)

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 21.—Culminating months of dissatisfaction with the reactionary policy of the "Labor Leader," official labor paper of San Diego, steps were taken to correct this policy at last night's meeting of the Federated Trades. The move followed receipt of a letter from the Teachers Union protesting against an article claiming the American Federation of Teachers "is being investigated for subversive activities." The teachers pointed out that prospective new members were driven away by the article. A motion carried to appoint a committee of 5 critics of the Labor Leader to meet with the Council's Executive Committee and Board of Control for the purpose of investigating the "Labor Leader" and to bring in recommendations for a change of policy at the next meeting of the Council. Previously the Labor Leader had indirectly attacked President Steinmetz, Secretary Rogers and other progressives in the Council.

#### Union Wage Scale

A real victory for Organized Labor was seen in the announcement of Secretary A. C. Rogers that the Hodges Dam and the El Capitan pipe line to be built by the city, will be constructed with prevailing wages throughout. Contractors have been holding out for a lower wage for common laborers. A special committee has been keeping busy for the past two weeks working to secure dec-

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### Seamen in San Pedro Refuse to Man Murder Ship

### Cairo Students Show Honor to Professor Slain By British

BULLETIN

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Nov. 20.—The steamship Oregon, loaded with aviation gasoline for Italian Somali, and pulled into stream and anchored.

Attempts were made to induce the crew to sign on with a fifty per cent bonus. At first, through lack of definite knowledge of policy, the crew shipped. Later on, rank and file members of the International Seamen's Union went out to the ship in a water taxi and explained the situation. As a result, the crew refused to sign on and returned ashore.

A special joint meeting of sailors and stewards was called which voted unanimously to refuse to man the Oregon. The Firemen's Union, at a meeting on the previous day, voted similar action.

CAIRO, Egypt, Nov. 20.—Five thousands students paraded today behind the draped coffin of the university instructor murdered last week by British police when they broke up an anti-imperialist demonstration. Girl pupils and nurses headed the cortege.

Expressions of revolt against (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7.)

## C. S. Prisoners at Tehachapi Called To Parole Board

### 6 MONTHS POSTPONEMENT DECIDED FOR FURTHER "INVESTIGATION"

TEHACHAPI, Calif., Nov. 20.—The State Prison Parole Board, meeting at the Women's State Prison here last week, postponed decision on the sentences of the two women Criminal Syndicalism prisoners until next May. Caroline Decker, No. 57617, and Nora Conklin, No. 57616, were summoned before the board last Saturday and questioned. Both were sentenced in the Sacramento court last April to serve indeterminate sentences of from one to fourteen years. The Parole Board, which meets every six months, is the body that decides the exact length of time to be served.

The customary procedure is to make the prisoner serve half the sentence in prison and the other half outside on parole. By the time the board meets again next May, these working class leaders will have served half of a three year term. The general tone of the board's questioning indicates a disposition to make these prisoners serve maximum sentences. The questions had a strong flavor of red-scare hysteria, some of the board members insisting that Caroline Decker had lived for a long while in Moscow. The truth is that comrade Decker was born, raised and educated in the United States and has never been outside the borders.

Meanwhile, the International Labor Defense is appealing the case to a higher court. Attorney Leo Gallagher announces that the appeal will probably be argued in Sacramento in December or January.

In addition to the two women prisoners, four men were convicted in the same trial and are serving terms in San Quentin.

Caroline Decker was secretary of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union and Nora Conklin was organizer of the Sacramento Unemployed Council. Their railroad to prison was engineered by the wealthy agricultural interests and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. For a complete story of the case, read "THE C. S. CASE AGAINST LABOR."







## FOREIGN NEWS Briefs

### Wall Street's Manila Duce Hunts Camels Chinese Reds Win Ruble Stabilized Canada Anti-War Meet Belgium United Front

MANILA, P.I.—"No one need have any misgivings," Mr. Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippine Commonwealth declared in his inaugural talk, "as to the attitude of the government toward lawless individuals or subversive movements. They shall be dealt with firmly. Sufficient armed forces will be maintained at all times to quell and suppress any rebellion against authority of this government or the sovereignty of the United States."

Thus dispelling all doubts the United States bankers and Wall Street might have had previous to handling the government of the Islands over to their puppets.

ADEN, Arabia—One of Mad Dog Mussolini's chief worries at present concerns the securing of a sufficient number of camels to assist him in carrying on his campaign against the Ethiopians. Camels are used to transport munitions and other war materials across the desert and into the mountainous country where the Mussolini armies have gone. Britain, it seems, has moved to head off shipments of the animals which it Duce, for several weeks has been "bootlegging" from an obscure port on the Arabian coast.

CHENGTCU (Szechuan, China)—Yachow, a rich market center of Western Szechuan, was captured by Chinese Red Army forces a few days ago. The Red Army was declared on the verge of capturing a broad section of the entire province, advancing on a wide front in face of rather scattered opposition.

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R.—Stabilization of the Soviet ruble at the rate of three French francs to one ruble and gradual abolition of foreign stores which now sell goods for foreign currency or for precious metals was announced by decision of the Council of People's Commissars of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Foreign money may be exchanged at the above rate, which amounts at present to nineteen and three quarters of American cents per ruble, after January 1, 1936.

Strengthening of the ruble resulted from increased quantity production of goods, with corresponding drop in prices. Wage rates are rising and the cost of living falling from both causes.

TORONTO, Can.—The Canadian League Against War and Fascism will open its annual congress here on December 6 with a huge peace rally at Maple Leaf Gardens. More than a thousand delegates are expected to attend and hundreds of fraternal delegates also have been invited. Haywood Brown, pres. of the Amer. Newspaper Guild, and Mary Van Kleef of the Russell Sage Foundation are among those who have been asked to the congress, which will last three days.

BRUSSELS, Belgium—The delegate conference of the Brussels Federation of the Belgian Labor Party has concluded the discussion on the subject of unity of action with the Communist Party and by a majority vote of 27 it was decided to ratify the part for the establishment of the United Front. Brussels is headquarters city for the Second International and the Labor Party. De Broviere, prominent member of the Labor Party is secretary of the Second International.

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# Italians Living Abroad Oppose Fascist War

## Labor Party in Conn. Urged by UTWA Gorman

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Francis J. Gorman, vice president of the United Textile Workers of America, writing in the current "Textile Worker", appeals to all organized textile workers in Connecticut to vote for a Connecticut Labor Party in the referendum now being conducted by the State Federation of Labor. He says:

"... We have tried them all out—Republicans and Democrats—and we have found that they do not and cannot serve our interests. This country is ours—not the bankers, nor the industrialists, and we must turn now to ourselves . . . for political as well as economic protection."

He also indicates his hope for a national labor party as the result of the many local united front tickets and statewide moves now being made.

## MINERS RAP WAR AT CLOSING OF NATIONAL MEET

PITTSBURGH—(FP)—A series of anti-war and anti-Fascist resolutions were passed unanimously in closing sessions of the 35th convention of the United Mine Workers of America, District 5, meeting at Pittsburgh. The delegates had already taken a strong stand for industrial unionism and had condemned the use of Nazi steel on PWA projects.

Striking out against Fascism in all its manifestations—Italian, German and American, the representatives of 35,000 western Pennsylvania miners branded Mussolini as "the world's Public Enemy No. 1," favored a coal boycott against Italy, and protested against "the persecution of our German brothers by the big moneyed interests of that country" and American participation in the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

Then, turning its attention to Fascist manifestations at home, the convention scored the "White Crusaders," an anti-Negro, anti-Catholic terrorist organization, whose reappearance in the U. S. Steel section of Fayette county, Pa., has coincided with a growing number of bombings, night riders and threats.

Pennsylvania's new "equal rights" bill, an act guaranteeing civil and economic rights to the Negro, was pledged the miners' support. Several Labor Party resolutions were rejected as "likely to bounce the Republicans back into office in Pennsylvania."

President John Phillips of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor contemplated the miners on their new wage scale under the Guffey bill. The miners alone restored the NRA and went it one better, he said, "because only the miners' union was strong enough to force its demands."

## Famous Athletes Join Protest on Berlin Olympics

### JEWISH THEATER OWNERS LATEST NAZI VICTIMS

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Evidence of the growing campaign to boycott the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games is seen in the newest endorsements of the plea for boycott by nine prominent members of previous Olympic teams. Included are: James Bausch, 1932 decathlon champion; Matt McGrath, veteran hammer throw champion; Ray Barbutti, 1928 400-meter champion; Carmen Barth, 1932 captain of the lacrosse team; Jack Shea, 1932 ice skating champion; Edward Jennings, 1932 rowing champion; Evelyn Furtuch, 1932 400-meter relay champion; and Stella Walsh, sprint champion.

All the above have endorsed the stand of the Committee on Fair Play in Sports, headed by George Gordon Battle, liberal attorney, and Dr. Henry Smith Leiper. The committee has just issued a pamphlet citing 43 official German decrees discriminating against Jews in sport and eight instances of state action against Protestant and Catholic athletes for political reasons. It also states that while there are 35,000 Jewish athletes in Germany, only four of them have been admitted to the special Olympic training groups, and charge that many Jewish athletes of Olympic caliber have been driven to death or into exile.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 20.—Speaking at a dinner here last Friday, as a send-off to delegates to the national convention of the Amateur Athletic Union, former Justice Jeremiah T. Mahoney, A. A. U. president, again called for boycott of the Berlin Olympics. He declared, "It is ruled by bigotry, hate, intimidation, persecution, pacifism and suspicion. He also denounced General Sherrill, Nazi sympathizer and Jew-baiter, as unfit to "send an American team anywhere."

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Nov. 20.—According to the Hollywood Reporter, trade paper here, the Hitler Government is about to exterminate the Jewish motion picture producers and theater owners. The first move was made in Bavaria, where arbitrary figures were paid for properties belonging to nine Jewish owners. Estimates place 33 to 40 per cent of all German picture houses in Jewish hands.

Pal, the Governor  
FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 21.—According to the Kentucky National Guard, who was indicted for criminal contempt on two counts following occupation of Harlan County by the National Guard during the August primaries, has been pardoned by Governor Reby Laffoon and hence escapes a trial.

Charges against Denhart were, disobeying injunction forbidding use of troops as police officers.

## BRUSSELS CONGRESS CONDEMNS FASCIST WAR AS AGAINST THE INTEREST OF ITALIAN PEOPLE

As representatives of the toiling masses of Italy, of the democratic parties and the parties of the Italian working class, of the organizations of the Italian emigrants in Europe and America, of the hundreds and thousands of workers of every age, men and women, of every social stratum and every political and religious conviction, scattered all over the world, many of them in the prisons and on the banishment island of the fascists, we have met here on October 12 and 13, 1935, in the Matteotti Hall of the Maison du Peuple in Brussels, to hold a congress of the Italians in the presence of representatives of the Labor and Socialist International, the Communist International, and international trade union organizations, who attend our Congress in order to bring a message of solidarity to the Italian people from the world proletariat in the struggle against war and fascism.

Our mission is to express openly and strongly the grief of the Italian people at the war which broke out on October 3, and to proclaim its wish for peace.

We have met for the purpose of giving our brothers and sisters in Italy and Abyssinia, and all Italians, a slogan which will arouse in them an indomitable determination to take action against the war. We have met to show the international public that a distinction must be made between the responsibility borne by the Italian people and that borne by the fascism which is committing the most abominable of all crimes against the independence of the Italian people and against humanity.

The war which began on October 3 in Africa is not an Italian war, but a fascist war.

This war is the climax of 12 years of an insane and extravagant policy of enslavement of the masses by a handful of exploiters and profiteers, a policy which—after first endeavoring in vain to justify its existence by means of a futile experiment in the "co-operative state"—now seeks a way out by means of an intensification of chauvinism, thereby following the path of all capitalist and militarist dictatorships.

All such dictatorships hope at first that, by depriving the people of all freedom they will be able to solve or evade the political or economic crisis through which they have gained power. Subsequently they hope to hide or avoid their inevitable collapse by means of the bloody laurels of questionable military victories.

Far from solving the problems of bread and work, the war plunges the toiling masses into deeper misery, sweeps away in torrents of blood the already dwindling resources of the country, leads to further enslavement, intensifies the murderous grip of capitalism, and mowdown the youth of Italy on the inhospitable and parched earth of Africa.

Now that the breach has been made by the fascist guns, all the desires and antagonisms of imperialism are breaking their way through on every side. The reactionary forces in Germany and other countries, filled with hatred against the Soviet Union and against every vestige of democratic liberty, are preparing to follow the fascist example.

Before humanity and before history we declare that fascism alone is responsible for the war, for its consequences and its complications. Fascism dishonors Italy by breaking away from all the best traditions of this people, who have always supported all struggles for freedom and national independence. It has exposed Italy to general contempt by breaking the pacts of amicable relations between neighboring states, and by breaking its pledge to respect the independence of Abyssinia. Fascism has caused the putting into operation against Italy of the sanctions envisaged by the League of Nations to be used against aggressors, and, by bombarding the native population of Abyssinia, it has called forth the indignation of the whole world.

Under these conditions, the struggle against the African war, and the forcing of fascism by all available means to cease hostilities, means a struggle for the welfare of the Italian people, and for the salvation of humanity from a frightful catastrophe.

We therefore solemnly declare that the Congress is proud to take the lead in this struggle.

The Congress appeals to the soldiers, to the mothers, to the toiling masses, to the free human beings of Italy and of the whole world, to the fascists themselves, now being made to realize by the war what the real nature of Mussolini's dictatorship is, to force the immediate cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of the troops from Abyssinia.

### Congress Takes Lead.

The Congress calls upon the toiling masses of Italy to join in organizing resistance and sabotage against the war measures, and to defend their lives, their bread, and their future.

The Congress expects from the great masses of the emigrants that they will exert their utmost endeavors against war and fascism.

The Congress appeals to the solidarity of all brother nations, and calls upon the international workers' organizations to put an embargo on war supplies, and to demand from the League of Nations the application of sanctions for the purpose of ending the war. The Congress is convinced that economic sanctions, if promptly and energetically applied, and especially for the reason that the solidarity of the working class of the whole world supports them, will force the fascist regime to retreat before military sanctions and intensify the war danger already threatening humanity.

In this spirit, and with these intentions, the Congress entrusts to a Committee of Action, in which all political trends are represented which have responded to the appeal for unity, the task of organizing and initiating definite militant measures on a national and international scale, and of calling upon the toiling masses to gather round its slogans:

Immediate peace with Abyssinia! Down with Mussolini!

## Socialist Left Wingers War on Reorganization

### BITTER STRUGGLE LOOMS AS OLD GUARD SEEKS TO CONTROL PARTY

NEW YORK—(FP)—Dissension within the Socialist Party of New York City reached a point which foreshadows a bitter struggle for control of the organization at its national convention next May, as 1000 left-wingers met here to fight a reorganization move of the so-called old guard.

The dispute had repercussions beyond the metropolis, as right wing forces, through the New York state executive committee issued a call for a regional conference of organizations in the east. The conference will discuss the party situation, draft a tentative platform and consider possible presidential candidates for 1936.

Charges of fostering "dual organizations" have been hurled by each group against the other, and carry to many observers the implication that a definite split is not far off. The left wing considers the regional conference dual to the party's national executive committee, while the old guard applies the dual charge to opposition activities in New York City and other localities under right wing control.

At the New York left wing gathering, addressed by Norman Thomas, Socialist presidential nominee in 1928 and 1932, the anti-old guard group organized to defeat reorganization plans passed by a vote of 69 to 47 at the city central committee meeting. The reorganization would involve "disciplinary action" or expulsion of left wingers from city branches. Members of the city committee opposed to reorganization were named a permanent committee to carry on the fight.

## Near 3 Million Youths on Dole

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—Figures recently made public here by Director Aubrey Williams of the National Youth Administration give approximately 2,875,000 as the number of youths between the ages of 16 and 25 either in relief families or directly receiving relief, as of May, 1935.

Thus millions of growing young Americans are faced with a future without hope of more than a miserably small dole.

ready threatening humanity.

In this spirit, and with these intentions, the Congress entrusts to a Committee of Action, in which all political trends are represented which have responded to the appeal for unity, the task of organizing and initiating definite militant measures on a national and international scale, and of calling upon the toiling masses to gather round its slogans:

Immediate peace with Abyssinia! Down with Mussolini!

## NATIONAL LABOR PARTY IN 1936 IS OLSON HOPE

### GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA IN STRONG BID FOR POWER

#### By Federated Press.

NEW YORK.—A national farmer-labor party "rooted in the organizations of the people, in trade unions, farm organizations and organizations of small merchants—like our Farmer-Labor Party in Minnesota," making a bid for national power in 1936 or 1940, is the prediction of Gov. Floyd Olson of Minnesota.

Olson, in New York for his first eastern political speech under the auspices of the American Commonwealth Federation, third Party group formed at Chicago July 4, told an audience of 1500 people that while he intends to run for senator in the next year's election, his big hope is to see a farmer-labor party stretching into every hamlet of the nation. The governor made it clear that while he wants to see the party in the field next year, he is not building a presidential boom for himself. By next April, he said, he could tell whether the national farmer-labor party would be an immediate reality—any statement made before that time is just a guess.

Olson had hoped very strongly that the American Federation of Labor would endorse the third party idea at its 1935 convention, for labor must realize the necessity of breaking with the policy of rewarding its friends, he maintained. "For these Democratic and Republican politicians usually have other friends," he charged. "And when it comes time to act, it seems they always forget their friends in the labor movement and always remember those other friends." A Farmer-Labor administration, he warned Democrats and Republicans, will bring about an era of abundance for the American people.

"We never have had a decent standard of living in this country, not even at the peak of the prosperity years, when about a third of the people were underfed and did not have decent living standards," Olson pointed out. "Such a standard cannot be obtained under the capitalist system of production for profit. We must have production for use. I do not mean that there should be no profit, but profit must come second and needs first, instead of needs second and profits first."

"This ideal cannot be attained with either of the two old parties."

### Food in Abundance

MOSCOW, Nov. 21.—Purchases in October reached new high levels, according to turnover figures for 30 towns. Meat purchases rose 40 per cent, butter 95 per cent, vegetable oil 84 per cent.

An abundance and variety of produce is flowing through retail shops to the consumer, whose material well-being is steadily rising.

## EAST OF THE Rockies

### Morgan Decries Taxes Hitler Agent Squirms Miners Win Strike Company Union Hit

NEW YORK—J. P. Morgan, international banking czar doesn't think unemployment is as serious either in American or England, as statistics would indicate. He told newsmen, who caught him as he slipped stealthily off the Berengaria following a trip to Europe, that after 30 years of taxation such as now is current in this country, business men will quit work; major fortunes will be wiped out and museums, colleges and libraries will be bankrupt "because of cessation of endowments." After questioning the truth of jobless estimates he declared employment would not increase unless taxes are reduced.

MADISON, Wis.—On the spot here was German Ambassador Luther, touring the country on an "inspection trip," when students of the University of Wisconsin insisted on questioning him about Hitler and Nazi Germany. German Catholics in St. Paul and Minneapolis last week informed him that he would not be welcomed among them. Following the press interview, Luther was greeted by demonstrators in front of the house of a German professor where he had been staying. The students, Daniel Lang, editor of a college paper, and Leo Genzeloff of the National Student League got only evasive answers from Hitler's representative.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (fp)—Union recognition and an agreement granting approximately half their demands were won by 17,000 miners in the Birmingham district as a result of an 8-week strike. The miners will receive a wage increase of 20 cents a day, with increases of four and a half cents a ton for tonnage workers and 5 per cent for dead work. The strike was hard fought and at least one miner was killed and several wounded in assaults by company gunmen. It was led by the United States Mine Workers of America.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (fp)—Challenging the right of a company union to represent the workers, the International Association of Machinists has asked the National Labor Relations Board to conduct an election among mechanics and helpers of the New England Transportation Co., a bus company with shops in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York. Most of the workers involved are members of the machinists' union. A board hearing will be held at Providence, R.I., Nov. 26.

### Jewish Players Are Subject to Murder by Nazis

The "Frankfurter Zeitung," German newspaper, officially reports the killing of Paul Hasenkrug, Jewish soccer player, by Nazi spectators recently at Groos-Muehligen.

Murderous attacks on Jews who take part in sports in Germany have reached such an alarming pitch that the "Frankfurter Zeitung" is compelled to declare that measures for the protection of players should immediately be taken. A whole series of incidents are reported in which players have been beaten by Nazi spectators, many being taken to hospitals in serious condition.

Sports organizations should immediately pass resolutions in support of President Mahoney's efforts to persuade the American Amateur Athletic Association to refuse participation in the Olympic Games if they are held under Nazi auspices on German soil.

### Fourth Big Week 'Waiting for Lefty'

By Clifford Odets  
Playing Nov. 21-22-23  
and 24th  
Curtain 8:40  
Tickets 40c - 75c  
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# Seventh World Congress and the United Front

By Wm. Schneiderman

## ARTICLE 4

The most important political expression of the united front in the United States is the movement for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party. Such a party would be the most effective means of developing a coalition of all the anti-fascist forces in the fight against political reaction and for the interests of the great masses of people. It would have to be based on the forces of the working class, primarily the trade unions. It would have to draw in as allies of the working class, the middle sections of the population that can be won over to a program which will defend their interests against big capital; that is, the small and middle farmers, professional people, intellectuals, small home-owners, etc. Its platform would be based on the fight for social legislation such as unemployment insurance, the 30-hour week, socially useful public works like slum clearance and other such demands; on the defence of the democratic liberties of the people; on the demand that the

government reopen the closed factories for the purpose of increasing employment; and a tax system which would take the main burden off the workers and the lower middle class, and place it on the big trusts and exploiters. A farmer-labor party of such a character, with the support of the masses would be a form of the united peoples front against the capitalist offensive, against fascism and war.

### The Political Breakaway

Are there grounds for building a Farmer-Labor Party? It is evident that large masses of people are becoming more disillusioned in the Roosevelt New Deal. The reason that they have not yet broken away in large numbers from supporting the Democratic Party is the absence of an effective outlet for expressing this discontent. Where they had an opportunity to support candidates that appeared to them to be more to the left than Roosevelt, they gave mass support to such candidates, as Sinclair in last years elections. In the recent elections held Nov. 5th, this discontent was even expressed by a cer-

tain swing back to Republican candidates in the Eastern states, because the old traditions of the two-party system have always kept the workers within the old capitalist parties and expressing their dissatisfaction by swinging from one to the other. The victories of the Socialist candidates in Reading, Pa., and Bridgeport, Conn. who were elected with Communist support, shows that the workers are already beginning to break away from the old capitalist parties. This was also expressed in the large vote cast for Labor tickets or local Labor Parties in a number of cities throughout the country, which elected at least four candidates in Toledo, Ohio, and came within a narrow margin of electing a candidate in Detroit. In the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor, the sentiment in the trade unions in favor of a Labor Party was reflected in the votes cast for a Labor Party resolution, representing about half a million members.

### Work in Trade Unions

The main task at present is to win the workers in the trade unions for independent political

action through the building of an anti-capitalist Farmer-Labor Party. The setting up of local united front Labor Tickets, as was done in San Francisco, is only the first elementary form of developing this movement. Its trade union base will have to be much stronger if it is to rally mass support and become a broad peoples' movement. Its program will have to deal concretely with all issues and municipal affairs which affect the interests of the majority of the population. It will have to broaden its perspective and coordinate its activities with similar movements throughout the state, such as the trade union committee for a Labor Party in Oakland, and the Epic Committee for the United Front in Southern California. With this as a starting-point, it will have to reach the small and middle farmers in the agricultural areas, in order to lay the basis for developing a statewide movement for a Farmer-Labor Party.

In order to build such a united front, the Communists are prepared to work jointly with all sincere and progressive forces in

the A.F. of L. trade unions, in the Socialist party, and in the Epic and Townsend movements. It is not a task that will be accomplished overnight, but past experience has shown that it is possible to break down the antagonism and prejudices that exist among workers of various political beliefs, and unite them in the fight for their most urgent immediate interests.

### Red-Baiting

This unity achieved in economic struggles can and must be transformed to the political field. There are some who imagine that there is some short cut by which the united front can be built, without the participation of the Communists. But does any one really believe that an effective united front can be established with the exclusion of the most consistent fighters for the united front? The "red issue" would not be avoided even if the Communists were excluded from the united front, because every militant worker, even though he is not a member of the Communist Party, is immediately branded as "red" as soon as he puts up a fight for an anti-capitalist

program, whether in his trade union or in any other organization. Thus the "red issue" is a means of fighting the united front, and we cannot expect to achieve working class unity except by convincing the workers that the defeat of political reaction, the defense of democratic liberties, and the winning of the immediate demands of the masses depends on not repeating the mistakes of the workers in Germany and Austria, and on not allowing political differences to divide the ranks of the labor movement any longer.

### Clarity Needed

The importance of the decisions of the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International lie in their clear answer to all these questions, by their summing up of the past experiences of the world labor movement, and by showing concretely in each country how the lessons of the past can help to solve the problems of the present and future. The understanding of these decisions by the Party membership and their popularization among the masses will help us in the fight for a Farmer-Labor Party.

(To Be Continued.)



## Rip Tides

By LaMae

"Voice of Labor" is the title of a rank and file paper now being issued on the docks at Hawaii. It's an eight-page bulletin, well made up, dealing mostly with maritime issues but working in the interests of all labor on the Islands... one of the articles in the Nov. 4 issue deals with a united front meeting of the Machinists and the Seamen... and there is a box advertisement of an affair soon to be given there for the benefit of the "Modesto Defense Fund!"

Robles, the arch-rat who used to belong to the Ship Scalers' Union in S. F., met with a slight accident the other day in the offices of the Martin Ship Service Company... which seems to have been his headquarters for the past few months... he didn't know what hit him and neither did the cops and the Martin Co. officials.

Once in a while a capitalist court grinds out a verdict which has the outward appearance at least of being "fair and impartial." Such was the jury verdict freeing Eric Garcia of charges of "assault to commit great bodily harm" last week... but for one such decision there are a thousand which send working class fighters to jail for life-time terms.

That's why we have to get back of the International Labor Defense with all our organized power if we want to get Archie Brown and his three fellow-prisoners out of the hands of the employers...

On our side is the working class and its organizations... which the bosses fear... and which, if properly directed, can smash any frame-up. Protests to the judge and to the District Attorney's office are in order... the trial is slated to begin December 9... prepare to pack the court room on that day, and every day, until the bosses are forced to turn our fellow trade unionists loose.

San Pedro maritime workers are going places... bearing the brunt of the Gulf cargo ban... and tying up ships with war cargo aboard bound for Mussolini's "Via Singapore." The United States Government doesn't recognize gasoline destined to burn in Mussolini's bombing planes as war cargo... not officially at least... or does the Government recognize Standard Oil first and the Ethiopian victims of Mussolini's slaughter campaign last?

Everett, Wash., I.L.A. men, it is reported refused to work a ship bound for the strike area in the Gulf... which is a very effective way of showing the shipowners we mean business... in spite of Ryan, Olander and the rest of the gang captains back East.

Any maritime worker puzzled at fast moving events on the front these days should buy a copy of the speech George Dimitroff made at the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International in Moscow a few months back... Dimitroff is the Bulgarian Communist who fought the Hitler butchers to a stand-still in their own frame-up courts when they accused him of setting fire to the German Reichstag... Dimitroff has been through many a struggle against the boss class and knows the need for working class unity... and that's why his speech hits home, no matter where you are living... only unity will force the shipowners to back down... that's why they fight the unions.

The I.L.A. Bargemen are on the way to make themselves a bit of money... after being forced to strike for more than three months... for the right to a decent living wage while working.

If you want to get an idea of what your labor has done for the employers this last year or so, just take a walk around the outside of the Memorial Opera House during the Opera (they probably wouldn't let you in without "proper" dress) and size up the type of automobiles parked for blocks in every direction... some of them are longer than the S.S. President Coolidge... with chauffeurs standing duty for hours at a time... and our labor paid for the cars and pays the chauffeurs' wages... a lot of those cars are owned by shipowners and the big shots who comprise the Industrial Association... so draw your own conclusion.

## TYDINGS-M'DUFFIE ACT SEEN AS ANOTHER 'JONES LAW' TO BETRAY THE FILIPINO MASSES

### Move to Keep Island Products Out of America

By Paul Sabio.

On November 15, Filipinos in all parts of the world celebrated the inauguration of the Philippine Commonwealth Government. The establishment of this new government, has been the result of the passage of the so-called Tydings-McDuffie 'Independence' Act. This law has been enacted frankly in the interests of American finance capitalists, sugar kings, and dairy products dukes.

The acceptance of this by the treacherous Filipino political clowns, such as Quezon and his type, the representatives of native bloodsucking landlords and the henchmen of the imperialists, has been a deliberate betrayal of the cause of the Filipino masses. This Act was carefully designed to stop the competition of Philippine with American products. This will mean the reduction of Philippine exports, a sharp decline in production and, inevitably, a violent downward trend of wages, a sudden increase in unemployment and finally, inescapable poverty and misery for the masses of the Filipino people.

### Another Jones Law.

The Tydings-McDuffie law does not guarantee freedom to the Filipinos. This act may be repealed at any time within the next ten years by Congress. The act, in all probability, will be just another Jones Law.

The Jones Law, passed by Congress in 1916, promised complete independence to the Filipinos "as soon as a stable government shall have been established" in the Philippine Islands.

The United States government reserved the right to ascertain the existence of the "stable government" referred to. As a result, Filipino Freedom was never granted according to the provisions of the law.

The Tydings-McDuffie Law provides, among other things, that after the Commonwealth period of ten years, the United States will withdraw her sovereignty over the islands, and relinquish all her property and rights... except such land or property as has heretofore been designated by the President of the United States for military and other reservations of the United States... to the government of the Commonwealth of the Philippine Islands.

This means that the "independent" Philippine government will be at the mercy of army and naval forces arbitrarily intervening at the bidding of their imperialist masters. The Philippines will then be nothing but a helpless protectorate. Is this what the great Filipino revolutionary founder and leader, Andres Bonifacio, and his gallant patriots gladly sacrificed their precious lives for? Certainly NOT!

### What to Do.

Filipino Workers must realize that their cause is being betrayed. Fellow-workers, stop this outrage of the Communist International in Moscow a few months back... Dimitroff is the Bulgarian Communist who fought the Hitler butchers to a stand-still in their own frame-up courts when they accused him of setting fire to the German Reichstag... Dimitroff has been through many a struggle against the boss class and knows the need for working class unity... and that's why his speech hits home, no matter where you are living... only unity will force the shipowners to back down... that's why they fight the unions.

### Los Angeles Cigar Shop Workers Ask Union Recognition

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16.—Refusal of the Central Cigar & Tobacco Company to do collective bargaining with its employees, and the discharge of two workers for carrying on union activity, today resulted in a strike at the establishment, it was reported.

Twenty workers are on strike in protest against the action of the company, and are raising demands for better working conditions.

Address of the firm is 627 E. Ninth street.

### Eviction 'Riot' Trial

BARRON, Wis.—(FP)—Joseph Padway of Milwaukee, attorney for the Wisconsin Federation of Labor, will be associate defense counsel in the Barron "riot" cases, which will be heard during the term of court opening Nov. 18. The defendants include Gerhardt Sorenson, secretary-treasurer of the Barron County Farmers' Holiday Association, and John Hawkinson, past president of the association, who were granted re-trial following conviction for inciting to riot in connection with an attempted foreclosure on the chattels of Andrew Hornick, a farmer.

### Boss' "Ouch!" Is Worth More Than Workers'

NEW YORK—Mrs. Carmela Di Gerlando, a dress finisher, sued the Second Ave. Elevated Line here for \$10,000 for injuries received on one of the firm's cars.

The railroad fought the suit because it thought the amount Mrs. Di Gerlando sought was out of proportion to her "social class."

The appellate division of the Supreme Court disagreed however, holding that medical science never has demonstrated that persons of alleged inferior social position suffer any less from injuries than those of "putative or assumed social superiority."

### Vancouver Dock Striker Framed On Riot Charge

SHIPOWNERS FIGHT FREE SPEECH FOR WORKERS

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 21.—Ivan A. Emery, president of the Longshoremen and Water Transport Workers of Canada, was convicted on an unsubstantial charge of "inciting to riot" before an Assize Court jury here last week and was taken immediately to Oakalla to await sentencing.

The real issue behind the conviction was that of free speech, particularly for strikers. The dock workers here have been on strike for months, attempting to win recognition of their union, and have met with employer-incited violence at every turn.

The jury, on bringing in the verdict after three hours of deliberation, strongly recommended clemency. Defense Attorney G. M. Grant brought out the fact that previous to Emery's arrest there had been a waterfront demonstration and that the longshore leader had dispersed the crowd when asked to do so by a Colonel Foster.

Despite rumors to the contrary, longshoremen are not returning to work on the docks. Ranks of the strikers are still solid and a recent "tag-day" held by the dockers netted approximately \$2000 in donations from Vancouver citizens.

### Police Get Them Coming and Going

AUSTIN, Tex. (fp)—The cops in Austin get the poor man coming and going. If he is jobless, they arrest him for vagrancy. If he finds a job, they jail him for working without a permit. One man who thought he could safely turn an honest penny by selling a fish he caught in the dam was fined for selling without a license.

## Is Gov't Planning Camps or Cages?

SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Nov. 18.

The government will establish between 15 and 20 so-called migratory workers' camps in California as a means of assisting the farmers to get help in harvesting crops at the proper time, Harry E. Drobish, state director of Rural Resettlement, said today. He spoke at a conference on the housing of migratory workers, which was a part of the annual convention of the California Farm Bureau Federation meeting here.

By Irving S. Kreitzberg.

More than one third of the nation's large scale farming is carried on in California. Cultivation is intensive and the crops are seasonal. This requires a shifting labor supply, as working crews and pickers are not carried on the payroll between crops.

The rural wage-earning class in California is the largest of any state in the union. The regional labor relations adviser, who dubs the agricultural workers "floaters," puts the figure in the West at about 200,000, with the bulk located in this state.

Like nomads these migrant workers travel from one end of the state to the other, from the lettuce and melon fields of Imperial Valley to the hop fields of Sonoma County—from the cotton fields of the San Joaquin Valley to the orchards of Contra Costa and Santa Clara.

Whole families, even little children, travel from crop to

### Longshoremen Pickets at Night



BY BEAU VINCENT

### "FINLAND PAYS HER DEBTS"—THE WORKERS SUFFER FOR IT

FINNISH WOMAN ANSWERS "PICTORIAL REVIEW"

Dear Comrades:

In the July issue of "Pictorial Review" was an article "Finland Pays Her Debts." It tells of the beauty, culture, modern achievements of Finland—which is true, but who enjoys them? Not the proletariat.

The workers' children are even limited in their education. Finland was first to pay her debts—but how? The article does not explain how the workers are exploited, as in any other fascist country.

I have relatives and friends there, and have been in contact with people myself, who have not had pure grain bread (flour), only bread mixed with chaff and tree bark. And when I was a girl, the families they had. My stepfather died during a famine for lack of proper nourishment.

He was ill, and the coarse chaff and tree bark bread was not fit for a sick person.

They are under terrible taxes there. Sometimes household goods and clothes off their backs go for taxes. Even wedding rings and small personal keepsakes are taken for taxes. Evictions have been in order for years.

There isn't any more old age security than any other capitalist country, and unemployment increases yearly.

In 1905 the masses of Finland

showed their strength by the general strike, so the capitalist got busy to prepare for that mass strength.

After the October Revolution, Soviet Russia gave all the subject races their freedom of government. But the Finnish white guards called the Germans to their aid and crushed the workers who would have set up a Soviet Finland.

I have relatives there who are political prisoners; some of them have died in prison.

Class discrimination is very evident. One has to be a property owner to carry firearms. Many are starving and freezing to death in that "modern, cultured Finland," as the "Pictorial Review" calls that Land of a Thousand Lakes.

A Farmer's Wife

### N.Y. Guild May Enter Central Labor Body

NEW YORK—The New York Guild's Executive Committee has been instructed by the membership to look into the possibilities of sending fraternal delegates to the Central Trades Council, City-wide A. F. of L. body.

The American Newspaper Guild by a small majority referendum vote recently voted down the proposition of affiliating with the American Federation of Labor.

### Oakland Plans Special Issue

OAKLAND, Nov. 21.—The Press Committee, which is in charge of raising the \$385 quota for the Western Worker Drive, decided to take a special edition of the Western Worker, December 23rd.

It will contain feature articles concerning the East Bay labor movement and Party activity. A special column is set aside for greetings from organizations, sympathizers and friends of labor.

The Press Committee announces that East Bay contributions to the Western Worker Drive can be divided into three monthly payments, covering the period of the drive.

Send your contributions to 419 12th Street, Oakland, Addressed to "East Bay Press Committee."

### Eureka Lumber Workers Demand Reinstatement

EXPULSED LOCAL NEEDS AID IN STRUGGLE

EUREKA, Calif., Nov. 21.—The members of Local 2563, Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union are taking immediate action against the recent revoking of their A. F. of L. charter by reactionary international officials of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

The workers are sending resolutions to all lumber union locals in the Northwest and to the locals of the Maritime Federation requesting they send resolutions to the officials condemning the actions of Cameron and his henchmen and demanding the reinstatement of the expelled membership.

Capitalist papers in Eureka, who fought the union throughout the recent strike which resulted in the shooting by thugs of two lumber workers, hailed Cameron's move as a blow against radicalism.

The union recently elected a rank and file slate of officers, ousting most of the former officials who were reactionary in the extreme.

All resolutions condemning the action of the international officials should be sent to the Federated Trades Council at Eureka, to the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union, Local 2677 (the new local) and to President Hutchinson of the Carpenters and Joiners' International at Indianapolis.

### DEPORTATION ABANDONED

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—(FP)—Members and sympathizers of the Committee for Protection of the Foreign-born are celebrating the cancellation of deportation proceedings against Mrs. Stella Petrotzky, mother of eight American-born children, who was active in the unemployed movement at Wilkes-Barre.

So Sister Botts tells them it is just too bad for them that they did not join then, because they certainly weren't going to be allowed to join now.

### L. A. FAMILIES ON RELIEF FACE \$22.50 BUDGET

35,000 FAMILIES FACE DRASTIC CUT

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 12.—From the hungry diet provided by the Los Angeles County Relief Administration, 35,000 families will be transferred to the still more precarious existence provided by the County Department of Charities.

Supervisor Herbert C. Legg said he had been informed of the transfer yesterday, but claimed he did not know whether the families will be paid the LACRA budget averaging \$48.00 a month or the \$22.50 county budget.

Whether the relief allotted these families at the present time is slashed to the \$22.50 budget was said to depend on whether the federal government follows its intention to cut off federal funds on December 1. It is does, only \$14,000,000 will remain for the entire state relief from the original \$24,000,000 relief program.

Fifty thousand men were to be at work today and 110,000 by November 26 on WPA projects, said State Director Frank Y. McLaughlin yesterday, but due to the fact that "white collar" projects have not been approved in Washington, clerical and professional workers are being given pick-and-shovel jobs.

As the reactionary officials and politicians always side with the bosses, a strong Labor Party would prove invaluable to the migratory workers and their UNIONS in their struggle to win decent living conditions and self-rule in government camps.

## RED TAPE WOULD SEND WOMAN TO CERTAIN DEATH

### Relief Heads Demand She Leave Calif., Ignore Doctors

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 21.—The San Diego County Unemployed Workers Protective Union voted unanimously for affiliation with the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations at its Central County Committee meeting last week. It also went on record as favoring any nationwide organization of unemployed.

The Union has begun work to force the authorities to give school lunches to the children of the unemployed. \$16,000 has been appropriated in San Diego for this purpose, yet in the last 2 months of school, only \$13 of it has been used. City officials have stated that the children must be more than hungry and underweight—they must be also anemic and suffer from malnutrition. Furthermore, children of parents on S.E.R.A. or P.W.A. cannot get school lunches. Which means that no one is ever going to get any.

The Grievance Committee of the San Diego Unemployed Union is fighting the case of a transient family from Oregon, the wife being sent to San Diego by an Oregon doctor as the "only chance for her to live. The Relief Administration is making every attempt to send her back, even though it means certain death. Upon being sent to a doctor in San Diego, her case was diagnosed as being imperative that she remain in San Diego.

The Relief Administration then sent her to another doctor who said she was in perfect health. At this the Grievance Committee demanded a third doctor, which was obtained. He has stated that he cannot give his report for another week and meanwhile the family is on relief. The Unemployed Union intends to win the case, if every honest doctor in the city must be found.

### HOW LONG IS THIS TO BE A RULE?

By a Worker Correspondent.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 20.—I would like to tell you about the "Botts' Plan for Building the Union." Irene Botts is the business agent of Local No. 402, Cooks and Waitresses. At the last meeting she reported how she did not recruit a group of waitresses from the Palisades Cafe at the Fair. They had applied to her to join the union.

But instead of signing them up, she told them they were not wanted. The reason she gave them, was that some time ago, when the Fair first started, they had been approached by her to join the union, and for some reason or other they had refused.

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## WHERE TO GO

ORGANIZATIONS! Get big crowds to your affairs. Advertise them here. Low rates—7c a line, in advance!

### San Francisco

SEE "WAITING FOR LEFTY", November 21, 22, 23, 24, at 960 Bush Street. Curtain 8:40 p. m.

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# City Council Fakes Limitation of 'Disaster Plan'

IT MUST BE KEPT IN "PROPER HANDS," SAYS AIDE TO MAYOR

OAKLAND, Nov. 21—Pressure from working class groups has so alarmed the Oakland City Council that the Disaster Plan has been modified by that reactionary body.

Seeking to stop the mounting tide of indignation against the scabberding "Disaster Coordination Committee" set up under authority of the plan, the Council on November 12th passed resolution No. 3872, which theoretically limits the authority granted under the original resolution. Actually, there is no real limitation, the acts of the Committee being still "ostensibly the acts of the Mayor" according to the original resolution.

Elmer Zollner of the American Legion, John Bonner of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, Herbert Samuels of the Red Cross, Hassler, the City Manager and McCracken the Mayor, all of whom signed the letter to the Council advocating the granting of practically unlimited powers to the "Disaster Committee" unambiguously claim the set-up is intended to take care of "earthquakes."

## Would Keep It Quiet

The fact that the date of passing of the original resolution was July 3, 1934, two weeks before the General Strike tied up the entire Bay Region, gives a good indication of its nature as a strike-breaking piece of legislation. The "shush-shush" attitude of all concerned, their fear of having the infamous resolution brought out into the daylight, again proves the conspiratorial nature of this legal means of smashing strikes.

Gilbert, assistant to the Mayor, stated in an interview that "an innocent-appearing plan in improper hands could do immense damage to the public, but the 'Disaster Plan' is in proper hands." He thus gives the plan away as a camouflaged attack on labor.

## Approaches Fascism

Gilbert admitted having drawn up the "Definition" of a disaster which is the clearest of all warnings to the working class that the whole thing is simply a club behind the back of the Mayor, to be used in case of a major strike for a knock-out blow against labor. This "Definition" states that any emergency which the govern-

ment designates as a "disaster" comes under the jurisdiction of the "Disaster Committee"—which is given "supreme authority" to act under the government.

Attempts are now being made to have the Alameda County Central Labor Council pass a resolution favoring the "Disaster Plan," but such strong opposition has been manifested among council delegates that the City Hall representatives of the employers have not succeeded in getting it across. Workers must be watchful, however, and urge their union delegates to vote against any resolution the plan's advocates bring forth, no matter how "innocent-appearing."

## Labor Must Fight It

It is interesting to note the inclusion by the employing class of the Red Cross in the Committee. The reason for this, as given at the City Hall, is: "The Red Cross is a non-partisan organization. It always takes care of the injured on both sides of a controversy." In a strike struggle, with tear gas and automatics in the hands of the police, and with machine guns in the hands of the National Guard, the question arises, just who is injured—the employers or the strikers?

The Disaster Plan is aimed directly at all working class organizations. It will be used against them unless we force it off the lawbooks. Eastbay workers are urged to have their unions or other organizations send resolutions of protest to the City Council, Oakland, Calif., and to individual councilmen.

## Makers of Anti-Union Film Gyp Extras on Wage

ACTORS GUILD DEMANDS CLARIFICATION OF MGM ACTIVITIES

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Nov. 16.—Not content with making a semi-fascist movie which slanders the working class movement of the Pacific Coast, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio today was revealed as underpaying extra girls for working in the film.

Employed for extra work in "Riff-Raff," film which viciously attacks the waterfront workers and their so-called radical leadership in an attempt to smash the maritime unions, the girls were forced to do stunt work at \$11.25 a day, ordinary extra pay.

The work turned out to be a storm scene with fire hoses playing strong streams on the shivering girls and wind machines blowing them off their feet, according to Aubrey Blair, official of the Screen Actors' Guild, who said not even towels were provided. They were entitled to the standard \$35 each, plus overtime, paid stunt-workers, but were forced to go to the State Industrial Welfare Board, where each girl was finally called in privately by Mrs. Mabel Kenney, commissioner, and paid \$15 more. Mrs. Kenney also tendered them MGM's "regrets."

The hearing was a "star chamber" affair, with press and public barred.

## Guild Heads Fight

"The Guild wants to know why the girls were not paid the standard wage," Blair said. "Several of them have done stunt work for years, and they all said it was the hardest night they had ever spent in motion pictures."

"The Guild wants to know if those responsible are to be held accountable, by the International Welfare Commission or anyone else."

"And the Guild wants to know, incidentally, why the hearings were secret. The girls had nothing to hide."

"Riff-Raff" is a crudely constructed story of the waterfront, wherein the members of the waterfront union are led away from the benevolence of a wealthy shipowner by a "red agitator." The agitator, known as "Red" Belcher, is finally repudiated and the workers are taken back with paternal blessings by the boss.

This film is vicious fascist propaganda, and should be picketed and boycotted wherever shown. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has striven to improve its "box office" by using two of its most popular stars, Spencer Tracy and Jean Harlow, so the film is definitely menacing to the whole trade union movement, throughout the country.

## San Diego Taxi Drivers Organizing

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 21.—Yellow Cab drivers here are joining up in the Teamsters' Union. Forty-nine were obligated at the last meeting and a special meeting will obligate at least that many more who have promised to join but work on the local's meeting night.

The State Organizer of the Teamsters' Union spoke at this meeting, which was one of the best held recently, with the hall crowded. He urged a three-week rally to get every driver in San Diego into the union.

Recently the Maritime Federation wrote asking the local to affiliate to the federation, but no action was taken at the time and the letter was filed.

## I.L.D. DEFENSE FUND CONCERT FEATURES WELL KNOWN ARTISTS

L. A. Affair Nov. 30 At Mason Opera

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21.—Featuring proletarian dances with revolutionary themes by the famed Horton dance group, the International Labor Defense will hold its tenth annual concert here at the Mason Opera House, 127 So. Broadway, on Saturday, November 30, at 8:15 p.m.

Other well-known artists, including the popular Jascha Borowsky Trio from the Biltmore Hotel; two prominent singers from the South Side, and Leo J. Malamut, New York concert soloist, will support the dance group in what promises to be the outstanding left-wing musical event of the year.

Sidney Cutner, composer, will direct the music for the dance numbers, "Dictator" and "Dance Into Solidarity." The first number reflects the crushing effects of Fascism, and the music, using a march theme with strong percussion effects, carries the dance to an unrelenting climax.

"The Dance Into Solidarity" is from a group of dances built upon ancient and modern Mexican themes, bringing oppressed groups together into a defiant single body and demanding the rights of the people in a stirring climax of union.

These artists are donating their services in order to help the I.L.D. finance its numerous campaigns in behalf of class war prisoners and their families.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE-THREAT BY A.F.L. HEAD

GREEN SAYS AMENDMENTS MAY HINGE ON U. S. COURT DECISIONS

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 18.—William Green, conservative president of the American Federation of Labor, thinks that supreme court decisions on major New Deal laws may determine whether or not the U. S. Constitution needs amending.

In a talk before the Academy of Political Science Green declared: "As to whether or not the Constitution of the United States should be amended in order that constructive, practical social security and social justice legislation shall be passed by the Congress of the United States, that must be answered by its sovereign citizenship."

"This question may be very largely answered when the Supreme Court of the United States renders decisions in the AAA cases and when it passes upon the constitutionality of the Gulfey Coal Act, the Social Security Act, and the National Labor Relations (Wagner) Act."

In conclusion, Green declared: "Labor believes that the same power which created the government and framed the Constitution can take such action as may be necessary to meet the needs of a changing social and economic order."

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## How Plane Companies Dictate Story of "Ceiling", Warner Brothers Film

The Hollywood Reporter (Hollywood's bible) for November 7th carries the following:

"Warner Bros. changing 'Ceiling' script to satisfy Plane Companies. Compromising with airplane companies, which objected to crash scenes in 'Ceiling Zero,' Warners is having the story changed in return for receiving planes and equipment for use in the picture."

Air transportation men lodged protests when the picture was first announced. They claimed the crash scenes of transport planes would injure their business.

With a chance to get expensive equipment without charge, Warners ordered the Frank Wead play changed. The crashes are being left in the script, but they are all mail planes, and the time of the story set back to the pioneer days of mail flying. United

## Books—Pamphlets IN REVIEW

Butterfield, by John O'Hara (Harcourt Brace) \$2.50.

(Reviewed by Ella Winter.)

John O'Hara writes for the ultra-sophisticated "New Yorker" and he writes well. His sharp, crisp, telling sentences are like hammer strokes—hammering nails into the coffin of the illusion that wealth brings culture, ease, or well-being when it is obtained as capitalists today obtain their wealth.

This book is a graphic account of the speaker's of the upper classes of New York City about 1930, when the depression had reduced people from seven Cadillacs to only three. It is the story in particular of one girl, Gloria Wandrous, a sort of glorified Iris March (of Michael Arlen's Green Hat): a hard-drinking, hard-swearing and very hard-loving girl, nevertheless pathetic and pitiable in her efforts to drown consciousness and blot out the fact that there was nothing in life for her.

The book is not as good as the author's first, "Appointment in Samarra," partly because he was content in the first to show the life these people lived without comment, while in this work one cannot help a feeling that he is somewhat pathetically himself seeking to excuse or explain it; he takes sides with his heroine and endeavors to show her as nevertheless seeking a healthy love with her one honest friend, Eddy. The book is somewhat dishonest, for a girl living Gloria's life would hardly have kept the fresh attractiveness her author endows her with (one has only to go for example to the San Francisco opera to see the ravages the dull lives of the upper bourgeoisie make on their harshly bored and hardened faces) . . . and, drunk all day, she would hardly have been ready for fresh adventure daily and nightly.

But the author's most curious propaganda is a seeming conviction that love at best can be little but a physical alliance; he seems totally unaware of a world in which men and women form deep and lasting companionships on community of interest, intellectual interests, or struggle for something they care about. Mr. O'Hara must broaden his world even to write about speaker's life more understandingly. It is alright for Gloria to be snootily ignorant about workers and radicalism; Mr. O'Hara must know more about the basis of the life whose apex he can give such brilliant and glittering indictment, or he will be only another Michael Arlen.

## L. A. Dance Group Announces Schedule

The program of the Horton Dance Groups' first concert of the season will consist of three dances from the group entitled "The Mine, Mexican Suite, Surge, Dictator, and a satire, The Art Patrons."

The concert will be presented at the Figueroa Playhouse, Tuesday, December 17, 8:30 p.m. Rates will be given to workers' organizations.

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## 'Red' Wedding Party

CORONA DELL MAR, Orange County, Calif., Nov. 21.—A "wedding surprise" party was given for our comrades, Miss Elinor Geslin of Laguna Beach and Charles McLaughlin. In addition to gifts and chrysanthemums there was a fifteen inch wedding cake for the bride to cut.

The entertainment included music and dancing, and moving pictures. The affair was closed with singing of the "International".

Comrade McLaughlin was recently jailed on a criminal syndicalism frame-up in Santa Ana, but charges were dismissed.

## In Hospital



ELAINE BLACK, District Secretary of the International Labor Defense, whose trial in a "riot" frame-up before San Francisco Municipal Judge Lazarus has been postponed to Nov. 25th. She was stricken with appendicitis on the 14th, just before the arguments to the jury were scheduled. She acts as her own attorney.

## Director Received "Order of Lenin" For Work on Film

BERKELEY, Calif., Nov. 21.—"Peasants", which will be seen at the Strand Theater here on December 9th and 10th, is easily the most important and impressive of this year's film contributions from Soviet Russia. Leisurely in tempo but gripping in effect, it unfolds a dramatic tale, a vital, realistic expression of farm life as it exists in modern-day Russia.

Director Friedrich Ermler (who won the "Order of Lenin" with this picture) authored the grim script, and deftly injected the occasional light, amusing touches, which relieve the stark tragedy of the story. The picture depicts the fierce struggle for collectivization, but it stresses a powerful plot besides.

The players are particularly fine. Nikolay Bogolyubov, as the political leader; E. Younger, as the ill-fortuned peasant woman; B. Poslavsky, as the gullible brother; Alexandrovskaya, Gardin, Chuvlev, Lukan and Alennikov, all famous Soviet actors, are seen at their best. The Russian dialogue of the film has been translated thru the use of English superimposed titles, making the picture easily understandable for those unfamiliar with the Russian language.

## Health and the Class Struggle

By FRANKLIN, E. BISSELL, M. D.

### FROM AN ANGINA SUFFERER

Los Angeles

My dear Doctor:

I am troubled with angina pectoris since many years. Arteriosclerosis is the underlying cause. The exciting causes for an attack are sudden strain, over-distended stomach and above all, powerful emotional disturbances. But lately they do not need to be very "powerful." A lost switch-key of my auto, which can not be located in my pockets when I feel for it, causes enough emotion to cause an attack.

In the issue of Nov. 11th you advised "P.N." to use amyl nitrite. I used it for years with more or less success.

Since Theophyllin was found by Kossel and fabricated by Bayer of Aspin, I was directed to use the preparation put up by Bayer & Company.

G. D. Searle & Co. put on the market a theophyllin under the name of Aminophyllin. This Aminophyllin offers the physician the desideratum to relieve his patient quickly of the intolerable conditions of the attacks of angina.

I, myself use it. The only trouble with the medicine is it is too expensive. Drugstores charge 5 cents per tablet, an ampul of 20 for \$1. Wholesale, the preparation costs 2 cents per tablet.

Very sincerely and comradesly F.W.G.

ANSWER: Theophyllin is among the many preparations that will relieve the attacks of angina pectoris in certain individuals. Each case is different and the best treatment for each must be found.

Theobromine is practically the same drug as theophyllin and has the same effect in these cases. It is much cheaper. There is no object in using the patented brands of these drugs, if the cheaper tablets under the original names can be obtained.

Theophyllin should be taken in 3 to 6 grain doses and theobromine in 5 to 8 grain doses.

### STOMACH ULCER

San Francisco

Dr. Bissell

Dear sir: I have been a reader of your column for some time and think it is a wonderful thing. So now I am turning to you for some advice.

I am unemployed at present, but even when employed the wages received for my line of work makes it very difficult to save enough for a doctor's examination.

The trouble seems to be in my stomach and it worries me. Whenever I begin to get hungry I get

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a dull sort of pain there. This does not happen all the time, as sometimes it goes a long time without bothering, then it returns. Whenever I eat or drink milk I feel alright again.

I don't vomit or have any trouble keeping my food down, though I am troubled at times with constipation. My work is inside and I realize that many times I don't eat the right kind of food but there are many reasons for this.

It seems I always have a tired feeling, especially in my legs, and I haven't the pep in general a young man of 29 should have.

I don't believe it can be ulcers, as I understand one vomits quite a lot in that case. Is it possible that a tapeworm could cause the trouble?

Respectfully yours T.H.

ANSWER: The plight of T. H. is another illustration of the way in which exploitation can cause and aggravate diseases of all sorts.

He is forced to eat the wrong kind of food and at extremely irregular hours, probably when he is tired and cannot digest properly. These habits, forced on him by his conditions of work, together with his financial inability to obtain medical attention, are probably the main causes of his stomach trouble.

Pains in the epigastrium (region in the center of the abdomen, just below the ribs) which are relieved by eating are usually due to stomach ulcers, whether there is vomiting or not.

What T.H. needs is an X-Ray examination of his stomach to decide definitely if there are ulcers. He should go to the Medical Relief Bureau with a committee of friends and a copy of this article, and demand that he receive such an examination.

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### Rank and File Must Enforce Maritime Convention Program

As this is being written the Emergency Convention of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific is drawing to a close. Delegates are preparing to return to their home ports and to their unions. They will take back with them a feeling that greater unity between affiliated crafts has been achieved. They know that now, as never before, the Federation is a power to be reckoned with—a power which the shipowners will learn to fear and respect in future struggles.

The issue of Gulf hot cargo was settled satisfactorily. The Convention backs the demand of the San Francisco longshoremen for an international referendum on support to the strikers on the Gulf. More than this, the Federation now stands ready and willing to back any affiliated organization which may be locked out for its support of the Gulf strike. The Federation backs the Gulf Longshoremen.

Much confusion centered around the question of the correct steps to take in assisting the seamen to win their demands for amendment to the award. Individual strike action was advocated by some but a majority realized this might mean isolation of the seamen or of one of the ISU crafts. Resolutions now before the Convention indicate that the Federation will back the seamen in an organized manner and with all its power of 35,000 organized workers. There must not be, nor will there be, a split on this issue.

The Convention has endorsed support of any organized action the seamen may take to enforce terms of the award which the shipowners consistently interpret to their own great advantage. The Convention also has endorsed the amendments which the seamen are demanding.

The Convention has definitely voted to refuse to sail or work any ship carrying or loading any of the war materials specifically listed as contraband, (oil, cement, actual munitions, etc.). This, if properly enforced, is another nail in Mussolini's coffin and a definite block to his insane attempts to capture Ethiopia for his masters at home.

This, in the main, is the program adopted by the Convention. But this program must be carried back to the unions and put into practice by the rank and file and leadership alike.

In the future we must work, not as individual crafts, but as a Maritime Federation—as 35,000 organized workers who are fighting for a common end on a platform of unity. It is up to the rank and file to prevent individuals from creating division in our ranks which would wreck the program as laid down by the Convention. The future of the maritime unions here and on the East Coast and in the Gulf as well, depends upon unity of action. Let no person or group threaten this unity.

### San Francisco Faces Fascism in Disguise

Elsewhere in this issue appear two accounts of the "Calamity" ordinances with which the rulers of San Francisco and Oakland hope to ensure fascist control of their future, by organizing a well-oiled terror machine for use on any and every occasion suiting the interests of organized bankers and capitalists.

A similar move has been made in San Diego, and it encounters the strenuous resistance of organized labor there. In San Francisco this measure, at the various hearings before the Board of Supervisors, has met with the resistance of the Central Labor Council and other bodies. Now it is due for another hearing.

It is not enough to leave the matter of protest in the hands of Vandeleur, who undoubtedly realizes that to let such hearings on flagrantly anti-labor legislation pass without protest from officials high in labor's ranks, would be near fatal.

The last hearing brought an astonishing fact light, one that well bears patient investigation. The Mayor, we were told, is preparing a "Calamity" measure of his own.

This, from the Rossi who ordered the shooting of strikers, is a gem of the first water, and illustrates the close agreement existing between Vandeleur and Rossi whose "labor I love you" due during the election was the high spot of irony.

Workers in all trade unions, liberals and progressives, must see to it that the hearing at the City Hall at 2 p. m. on Monday is fully attended by delegates whose voices will be heard in strong protest.

To kill this proposed legislation is one step toward countering the fascist moves being made by the Chamber of Commerce and employers in general.

### Toward a United Front Labor Party

The after election conference held last Wednesday night in the Building Trades Temple in San Francisco assembled, not to mourn a defeat, but to plan and build toward a future victory. The men and women who voted the United Labor Ticket in the election represented the most politically advanced section of the working class and liberal population. They voted the Labor Ticket because they were seriously aware of the importance of all anti-capitalist elements uniting and expressing their political power. That need remains as vital now as before elections and a serious responsibility evolves upon these people.

Labor must have a party. Labor must realize its political strength. And it can only do so through the continued efforts of these people. They understand the importance of this issue. It is up to them to convey this understanding to others who still remain under the spell of the capitalist political machines.

This means work!

Last Wednesday night a Conference for the Promotion of a Labor Party was permanently established. A huge educational task lies ahead for this conference. Committees have been set up to tackle this job and they will need your help. A Labor Party is not merely a thing that is desirable—it is an urgent necessity.

Have your union local or organization pass a resolution for the formation of a Labor Party. Attend the affairs that will be announced by the Conference. Distribute Labor Party literature. A Labor Party will never evolve automatically. IT HAS TO BE BUILT.

### Alabama Is Rushing The Scottsboro Trial

News from Alabama indicates the extraordinary lengths the officials there will go to in an effort to legally murder the nine Scottsboro boys. They are considering the postponement of a completely crowded calendar in order to permit a special session of the court in December to "dispose of" the Scottsboro case.

This is a complete reversal of earlier tactics, when delay was piled on delay.

Now the whole matter, following grudging observance of legal technicalities by inclusion of a lone Negro on the Jackson County Grand Jury, is to be railroaded through before sufficient mobilization can be mustered to again save the boys from death.

But the working class is alive to every tactic made by the rulers of Alabama, who seek to utilize this case as a means of bludgeoning opponents of ruthless exploitation and terror into silence. We must meet the new skill of the prosecution, the tactic of rushing the trial and blocking the way to further appeals, by mustering the widest opposition yet developed. Governor Bibb Graves must receive a flood of resolutions protesting against the railroad policy of Thomas E. Knight, lieutenant-governor of the state and special prosecutor of the Scottsboro boys.

Carry the fight into trade unions and mass organizations of every kind. Stimulate the sending of new floods of collective and individual protests. Protest the railroad policy.

Demand the safe and unconditional release of all nine boys.

Send funds to support the fight to the International Labor Defense, 80 East 11th street, New York City.

### France Faces A Fascist Coup

France, in the throes of a deep economic crisis that has by no means run its course, is on the eve of a major political crisis. The sudden shifts in political fortunes among the capitalist and fascist nations of Europe, the tremendous pull made by British and French financiers on Premier Laval, and the existence of a strong fascist organization partially armed and actively engaged in attacking the People's Front, make such a turn in affairs imminent.

Last Saturday more than thirty Socialists, members of the People's Front, were fired upon by armed fascist thugs.

The Communist Party, in a leading article by Marcel Cachin, who was recently elected to the Senate, charges Laval with encouraging the violent depredations of the Croix de Feu and its armed bands.

The Communist Party long since issued the slogan: DISARM THE FASCISTS AND DISPLACE THEIR MEMBERS FROM THE HIGH ARMY POSITIONS THEY HOLD! This slogan is accented with greater force by Saturday's events. Logic—the logic of inevitable development toward a major political crisis that will see either the fascists or the People's Front in control of the government—has prompted the Communist Party to urge the People's Front to take measures for self-defense and struggle for the overthrow of Laval, under whose protection fascism prepares for violent seizure of power.

The French workers and their allies are determined to frustrate the coming to power of French fascism. The miseries of German fascism must and will be avoided. The Communist Party proves its title to leadership of ever greater masses by showing correct political initiative.

## Party Life

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Dear Comrades:

I would like to portray if I can the situation existing between the Party and the Young Communist League. Prior to the educational which was sent thru recently, the average Party member had only a vague idea of what the YCL was. The general attitude was that it was a miniature Communist Party among the youth. For the most part it was ignored entirely. Several times the question of closer association with the Party was taken up in the Bureau and a decision would be made to assign one comrade to YCL work but upon scanning the membership and not finding any one, the matter would be dropped. Many times the Party would mobilize to help one of the mass organizations, but we never had an adequate mobilization for the YCL due to lack of understanding of that organization. Since the educational, the YCL has been discovered by many comrades and they now realize that it is a mass organization, but so far, no concrete action has been taken to make it one in practice. Therefore, the Hollywood sub-section bureau wants to make the following proposals to be carried out in our Sub-section:

1. That all Party members under 25 immediately be assigned to the YCL.

2. That the YCL take up more social and sport activity so as to make it a pleasure to join, and thus attract many elements who are not developed politically.

3. That all those in the YCL who are politically developed be also members in the Party.

4. That the whole Party be activated in a recruiting drive for the YCL.

The YCL will never become a mass organization of the youth until the developed comrades in the YCL are brought into the Party, because, since they are developed, and have no outlet for that development, they tend to make a Party out of the YCL by restricting its membership to politically developed young people.

If all developed comrades were in the Party, they would have room in the Party to develop still further, and would also form the backbone around which a real mass organization could be built.

We cannot expect the bulk of the youth who are mainly interested in having a good time to suddenly get serious and start studying philosophy and doing Party work. In order to attract them in great numbers, we must cater to their likes and pleasures. Dances, affairs, sport clubs, etc. should be organized. A strong Party fraction will be necessary to bear the brunt of the work. As soon as any youth becomes developed he should be recruited into the Party and work in the fraction and thus extend the organization. The large number of Party members working in the YCL will make the Party youth conscious, thus hastening the growth of the YCL.

We believe that if these suggestions are carried out, the Party will have a correct relation to the YCL, and the growth of the YCL will be improved.

Hollywood Sub-section Bureau.

### Garment Union Head Refutes Hearst Lie

NEW YORK (fp)—Pres. David Dubinsky of the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union has given the lie direct to William Randolph Hearst and his New York American.

Max Danish of the I.L.G.W.U., speaking for Dubinsky, heatedly denied a report from Washington in the New York American that the union president had said labor bore no grievances against the Hearst newspapers. "Mr. Dubinsky never made any such statement," Danish said.

The Hearst story dealt with the American Federation of Labor executive council's refusal to condemn the Hearst press. It attributed to Dubinsky, a member of the council, a statement denouncing the anti-Hearst resolutions submitted by convention delegates as designed to "get even with the Hearst newspapers for their anti-Communist policies. American labor has no grievances against the Hearst newspapers."

### Portland Cab Strike

PORTLAND, Ore. (FP)—Union taxicab drivers won a notable victory in their one-week strike in Portland. Hours were cut from 10 to 9 daily, and wages were raised from \$2.50 to \$3, plus 30 per cent of all fares over \$8.

### Tom Mooney Was on That List — 19 Years Ago



### A Few 1935 Frame-ups of California Workers

JAMES GARRISON, Educational Director of Communist Party; jailed by Federal government on charges of assaulting "the major's daughter." Federal prosecutor finds "insufficient evidence." Out on bail supplied by International Labor Defense.

ANITA WHITNEY—Communist; now on trial for "perjury."

LOUISE TODD—Communist; 1 to 14 years in Tehachapi for "perjury."

EIGHT MEMBERS OF SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME UNIONS—Sent to San Quentin and

Folsom for "illegal possession of dynamite." (The Modesto case.)

ARCHIE BROWN, JULIUS CANALES, FRANCISCO JIMINEZ, NATALIO VILLI—Members of I.L.A. Scalers' Local 38-100; waiting trial for murder.

LEO GALLAGHER—World-famous International Labor Defense attorney; now on trial for "riot."

PETE GARCIA—Vice president Scalers' 38-100; "assault with intent to do great bodily harm;" not guilty.

PABLO ESPINOZA—Member Scalers' 38-100; "assault with intent to do great bodily harm;" not guilty.

JAMES F. WORKMAN—Military member Mother Lode Miners' No. 48 (Jackson Amador County); "possession of concealed weapons;" bailed out by International Labor Defense pending appeal.

ADOLPH CANALES—Member Lode Miners No. 48; "possession of concealed weapons;" bailed out by I.L.D. pending trial.

## A 'BALLYHOO' UPTURN IN BUSINESS FOR 1935

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PROFIT TAKERS SEE PLENTIFUL PROSPERITY  
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## PURCHASING POWER OF MASSES ON DOWN-GRADE

The present campaign of prosperity ballyhoo being carried on on a nation-wide scale by the capitalist press of every shade of opinion, is merely wishful thinking, or, as in some cases, is a planned attempt to deceive the workers, the small farmers and the small business men of the country.

The index of United States industrial production is now at about 87, figuring the period between 1923 and 1925 as 100, or normal. Last February it was 91 and the general opinion is it will reach 95 by next Spring and may keep that figure as an average for the entire year of 1936. This means that United States production, as a whole, will be a little above 1935.

But, as pointed out by Kiplinger and by Labor Research Association, even if it rose to 10 per cent above this year, this would still be subnormal. Considering natural growth of population and business volume, it should be somewhere around 125.

### Cyclical Factors.

Several factors have contributed to the present upturn. None of them can be considered "healthy" from a genuine recovery basis. Capital is being invested, not in new factories, but in machine equipment, in machine tools and other labor displacement articles. This, of course, means more unemployment and more speed-up.

The government continues to give financial assistance to banks and to upper strata of farmers. Little if any of this money reaches the working class or the petty bourgeoisie. Instead, it fills the

gap left by depleted profits. Consequently purchasing power is not effected.

The profit takers are expecting to reap a harvest when the veterans get their bonus—and it is pretty certain in business and industrial circles that Congress will move in this direction when it meets next year. Payment of the bonus will mean increased government borrowing which in turn has a distinctly inflationary effect. This, coupled with the general expectation that prices will rise still further, lends business a halo of optimism.

American manufacturers expect to pick up an increasing number of orders from Europe as the war clouds continue to darken. Further war preparations are being made also in the United States and this, too, has the effect that a shot of dope has on the habitual drug addict. German employment has been largely dependent upon the war industries for many months.

### No Place for Workers.

This expected upturn in business, however, will continue to use but a part of the country's immense production facilities. It will use only a part of the enormous supply of capital and credit available. The inability of the capitalist system at this stage of the game to use but a limited part of the production facilities available means that the general crisis still is on and that even at a higher level of production, the decrease in unemployment will be but slight.

The same factors, noted above, which led directly to the 1929 crash are working to bring about another and even deeper crisis. The jagged path of capitalism, noted on the thousands of business and production charts which are a part of every article or story on economic trends, is still the same old jagged path. As soon as industrial production gets too far beyond the purchasing power of the people the next crisis will be upon us.

The Western Worker can be obtained at news stands. If your news dealer does not have it, ask him to stock it.

## World Events

By Emmett Kirby

### Why Japan Hesitates In Seizure of North China

With the skids all greased and everything ready—apparently—the setting up of the new "autonomous area" in North China has been postponed.

It is almost a year since the first disclosure of the plans of Japan for seizure of this area was reported in the revolutionary press throughout the world. At that time Gen. Chiang Kai-Shek, head of the Kuo Min Tang, made a bargain.

In a treaty with Japan he agreed to withdraw all his troops from the five northern provinces of Chahar, Hopei, Shantung, Shensi and Suiyuan and surrender them to Japanese invasion. And did so, taking his troops to begin another disastrous string of defeats at the hands of the Chinese Red Army. It was implicit in the agreement that Japan was to help him in putting down the Chinese Communist leanings or activities. Japan, in announcing the formation of the new "autonomous" area, gives control of the Communist activities in that area as a basic reason. And Chiang agrees to let the area go, saying it would be suicide to try to prevent the eleven Japanese divisions from carrying out their threat of crushing all resistance.

Why, then, does Japan hesitate in carrying out its action on the date set months ago—Nov. 20th? After announcing the action well in advance, when the hour for the "declaration of independence" came, Japan's Gen. Doihara denied an ultimatum had been given (concerning the crushing powers of the ready mobilized eleven divisions) and declared the declaration ceremonies were off because two of the governors who were to declare now declared they had changed their minds.

The reason? Not Chiang Kai-Shek—though even in the Kuo Min Tang Congress, now in session, is a section who are crying that if ten million Ethiopians can take a courageous stand against forty million, well-equipped Italians, then 450,000 Chinese can also make a stand against 65 million Japanese.

These thoughts are not original with the handpicked KMT delegates; they are a reflection of the tremendous sentiment among the Chinese people that another Manchuria shall not be stolen and an area one-third the size of the United States and populated with 95 million Chinese shall not be sacrificed without a fight.

On the evacuation of the Kiangsi Central Soviet Republic, three armies marched west toward Szechwan. One, which went by the northern route, reached the western goal, but mostly made up of new recruits. Along the route groups were left of the regulars to organize the anti-imperialist sentiment of the people for the impending struggle with Japan. How well this movement has spread has only leaked through the tight censorship little bits at a time. But it has been enough to indicate that it is widespread throughout the five provinces of the North.

They are the ones, (and not the two governors), who are making the declaration against Japanese annexation. And it is their very strength, irregulars though they be, and a possibility of China fired by their example, which makes Japan pause. Months of attempting to put them down have failed as dismally as have Chiang's attempts on the Red Army. Years of most intensive activities have not crushed them in Manchuria—as Japanese corpses shipped home to be buried with fully military honors silently testify.

Theirs is a hard and courageous fight against odds they refuse to consider as overwhelming. And one of the points in their favor is their knowledge that the 65 million Japanese ARE NOT a solid front against them, but that they may expect help even from that quarter.

It would be silly to deny that the Geneva sanctions are without some effect on Japan, just as it would be silly to expect Britain and most of the capitalist nations at Geneva to aid the U.S.S.R. in event of a Japanese attack. But far more potent than Geneva and her sanctions, is the anti-imperialist sentiment in China, organized by the Communist Party.

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